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Title : Need to stop ragging in colleges.

SHRI P.C. THOMAS (MUVATTUPUZHA): Sir, ragging has become a menace which has gone out of all proportions. In that the brutality, cruelty and the vulgarity in many instances is something which has to be looked into very seriously. Recently there has been an incident in Kerala where in a nursing college a student was raped. The authorities tried to shield the matter and the Government also was not taking proper action at the proper time. There are many instances where the students because of mental agony are committing suicide. There are also many cases where poor students are not willing to go to colleges to pursue their higher education. There are instances also where students have discontinued their studies because of ragging.

Sir, this is a matter which needs to be discussed in this House and some kind of a solution to this menace has to be found out. Such acts are against the culture of India. There is a section of people who believes that this is done for the well-being of students, but there could be some other means thought of so that the personality and individuality of a student could flourish, other than this very barbarian method of committing a lot of brutal acts against the students who come to colleges and universities to pursue higher education.

MR. SPEAKER: I appreciate your point.

Shrimati Ranjit Ranjan, you have given a notice on a very important issue. I will allow a Calling Attention on this subject next week and your name will be included in that. I would request the officers concerned to see that her name is included in the Calling Attention on this subject[snb20]. Shri Sangwan, you have already raised two matters. So, next week, you will not get any chance to speak.